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	<u>Pages</u>
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Enclosures:

- Assignment cover sheet and an assignment, 3 pages, and a separate \$40.00 fee.
- New disclosure information, including:
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References, 77 items.
- Postcard.

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